Delhi Development Act, Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, New Delhi Municipal Council Act and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act is taken by the concerned departments/agencies.

To tackle the problem of encroachment/unauthorised construction, the Government have been emphasising from time to time the need to take action against such unauthorised construction and to protect public land from encroachment at the initial stage itself, launch criminal trespass cases against encroachers and take action against the delinquent staff, charged with the responsibility of watch and ward of such lands. Instructions have also been issued to the land owning agencies, local bodies and DDA to this effect.

Conversion of Property from Leasehold to Freehold

1390. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to allow conversion of property from leasehold to freehold on the basis of land rates prevalent in 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the proposal is likely to be finalised; and

(c) whether the proposed scheme would include multi-storeyed flats including the flats promoted by the Group Housing Societies and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) A proposal relating to modification in the scheme of conversion is under consideration of the Government.

(c) The present scheme covers the flats constructed by Cooperative Group Housing Societies including Multi Storeyed flats on land leased by the Delhi Development Authority.

FDI for Urban Infrastructure Development

1391. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invite foreign direct investment for development of urban infrastructure like water supply and sanitation for improving the condition of civic facilities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the work for improving the civic amenit ies is expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) At present there is no proposal to invite foreign direct investment in water supply and sanitation.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Lawyers on the Panel of DDA

1392. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the lawyers on the panel of DDA have been there for long years;

(b) if so, the number of such lawyers on the panel for over five years;

(c) whether there has been no perceptible improvement in the disposal of litigation cases in the DDA because of the nexus of DDA officials and the lawyers on the panel;

(d) if so, the number of litigation cases involving DDA pending in the Courts and since when; and

(e) the steps taken to get all those pending cases decided speedily?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that there are 8 advocates who are over 5 years on the panel of Delhi Development Authority.

(c) There is no nexus of DDA officials and the lawyers on the panel which affects early disposal of court cases.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Complaints of Seepage in Government Quarters in Lodhi Colony

1393. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government quarters having seepage in Lodhi Colony, particularly in Blocks 7 and D-I, block-wise;

(b) since when such complaints are pending and action not taken inspite of repeated reminders;

(c) by when the seepage in the aforesaid blocks would be removed;

(d) the reasons for the debris left lying by the contractors in D-I and C-II Blocks after repairs being carried out by them; and

(d) the action taken against the officials responsible for (b) and (d) above for negligence of duty?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Complaints regarding seepage were received from 4 quarters in Block 7 and from 15 quarters in Block D-I in Lodhi Colony.

(b) All these complaints have been attended and no complaint is pending as on date.

(c) Seepage is likely to dry up in two to three weeks.

(d) No debris is lying at present.

(e) In view of reply at (b) and (d) above, no action is called for.

Central Park under Construction in DIZ Area

1394. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Park in Sector-4, D.I.Z. area is under construction and its contract has been awarded;

(b) if so, the cost of this contract and the works to be covered therein;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this park has been encroached upon illegally by some people thereby causing problems in undertaking construction in this park; and

(d) if so, whether Government contemplate to remove these illegal encroachments and by when the construction of this park will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Value of the work awarded is Rs. 7 lakhs. The contracts cover civil works only, which include the provision of the following:—

1. Jogging track, boundary wall and Gates; and

2. Laying of unfiltered water supply line.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) CPWD has already initiated eviction proceedings for removal of the encroachments. All development works of the park will be completed by June, 1999.

दिल्ली में "लाल डोरे" की सीमा बढ़ाया जाना

1395. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा**: क्या शहरी कार्य और सोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि बाहरी दिल्ली में कितनी और कौन-कौन सी अनधिकृत कालोनियां है ;